Grade 9– Semester 1 Study Guide

Grammar

**Parts of a Sentence** – subject, predicate, compound subject, compound predicate, complete and simple subject, complete and simple predicate, interrogative, declarative, exclamatory, and imperative sentences

**Clauses and Conjunctions** – independent and subordinate clauses, coordinating and subordinating conjunctions

**Sentence Structure** – Simple, Compound, Complex, and Compound-Complex Sentences

**Correcting Run-ons**

Reading Comprehension

**Plot and Setting** – introduction, complications, climax, internal and external conflict, etc.

**Types of characters** – subordinate, protagonist, antagonist, static, dynamic

**Characterization** - Direct and Indirect (through action, speech, private thoughts, etc.)

**Narrator and Voice** – Narrative tone, unreliable narrators

**Point of View** – first person, third person omniscient, third person limited

**Informational Materials** – step-by-step sequence, point-by-point sequence, diagrams,

**Generating Research Questions** – creating questions for further research that are not too general or too specific, not one word answers, etc.

**Synthesizing Sources** – Main ideas and supporting evidence, comparison and contrast, synthesis

**Evaluating Arguments** – claim, logical appeals (facts, statistics, reasoning), emotional appeals (anecdotes, loaded words)

Writing

**In-class Essay.**

I will give you a prompt which will be some general statement about life. You may write anything you choose on the topic. You can tell a story, write an essay, etc.

Whether you choose to write an essay, or a story, it must have a thesis, an opinion that you express. Therefore, if you are going to write a story, it should be about some experience where you learn some lesson about the topic.

Vocabulary - 51 words

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| receding | awry | frail | succession |
| disarming | devious | presentable | insensible |
| prolonged | beguile | barren | imposing |
| imprudent | exhilarates | precluded | stupor |
| surmounted | dilapidated | impunity | chronic |
| unruffled | paraphernalia | retribution | spectral |
| invariably | sacrilegious | immolation | transmitted |
| diverting | carnage | connoisseurship | maligned |
| impulse | prosaic | impose | belligerent |
| protruding | disposition | recoiling | conspicuous |
| inaugurating | suffuse | endeavoured | ascribe |
| balmy | noncommittal | obstinate | expired |
| intangible | release | presentable |  |